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## Down to the Short Rows!

It's hard to believe the market has completed 23 of our 30 weeks season. This is a great time for us to say thank you on behalf of the Clemson Sandhill REC and our many faithful vendors. It has been a pleasure to welcome you each week.

We are beginning to see a shift in the weather and that means those wonderful fall vegetables cannot be far behind. It also means that the summer crops are beginning to phase out and will diminish over the next several weeks, so don't be left on the sidelines wishing you had made purchases from the last hurrah.



One of our favorite activities is coming up in just a few weeks. The last Tuesday of October will be our annual Halloween Costume Contest Day. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate. We will have prizes for various categories

and many of the vendors will have treats for the children.

Much of our the state was devastated by the recent torrential rains and flooding. Many of our vendors were impacted too and it may be a few weeks before the market seems back up to full strength. We appreciate your support and understanding during this period.





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## Clemson Bleu Cheese is Here!

The first Clemson University Blue Cheese was cured in Stumphouse Mountain Tunnel in 1941. Since then, the homemade gourmet item has worked its way into the hearts and stomachs of an ever-growing number of afficionados. The history and folklore surrounding this scenic spot in the Blue Ridge Mountains is legendary in the Piedmont area of South Carolina. The name Stumphouse originated from the Native American Legend of Isaqueena.

<u>Clemson Blue Cheese</u> is an artisan cheese, made the old fashioned way. Each 288-gallon vat makes a batch of about 240 lbs, which is then salted, waxed and aged for 6 months. When it is ready, each hoop is scraped and packaged by hand. Each lot is kept separate, and strenuous record keeping assures quality at every step. (I know we ran this article last week, but we're excited.)

The Sandhill Farmers Market is proud to have Clemson Bleu Cheese available at Old McCaskill's Farm each Tuesday. Stop by and purchase one product that Tigers and Gamecocks both enjoy!

#### Market Flash

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## The Haunt at the Sandhill REC

As the darkness hastens to join us, and Halloween draws near; the Clemson Sandhill REC becomes home to a spooky array of characters and scenarios sure to provide both fright and delight. Join us Friday and Saturday evenings October 23-24 and October 30-31 for the Haunt at Sandhill. Our 6 acre maze is home to both an adult and child themed puzzle for you to solve. A chilling collection of startles and scares await you along the Haunted Trail, you can enjoy a tractor pulled moonlight hayride and perhaps participate in a little light dancing under the stars. The gates open at 7PM nightly with the last victims admitted around 10PM. Funds raised by this event help support the Sandhill REC with a portion also going to the Drama Department of Westwood High School, the actors in the Haunt. Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 3 through 11 and under 3 are free.

### **Support Your Local Famers Markets**

While we hope to see you every Tuesday afternoon during the season there are other Farmers Markets in the area which need your support. You will find many of our vendors at these fine markets as well.

> Wednesday: <u>Blythewood Market</u> Thursday: <u>Lake Carolina</u> Saturday: <u>Kershaw Market</u> Saturday: <u>Soda City Market</u>

## October 6th Market Photos



The Sandhill Farmers Market... where fun, food, and community come together.

## Gardening Tip of the Week-What is That?

Many of us have begun noticing that spooky, cocoon looking structure in the trees and bushes. Welcome back to the Fall Webworms and their nests. Fall webworms are found on many kinds of trees and shrubs in late summer and fall. They create silken web-like nests around leaves at the ends of branches.

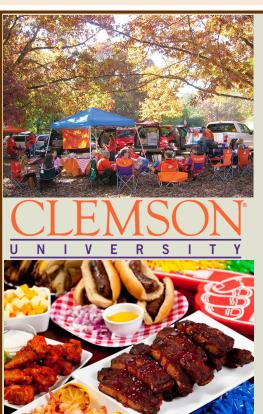
All feeding occurs within the silken nests. Although the nests are unsightly, actual damage to trees is minor. Eggs are laid on the undersides of leaves in early to midsummer and hatch in about a week. The caterpillars feed for six weeks before dropping to the ground to pupate. There may be as many as four generations in the south.

Once tents become very noticeable, the easiest way to get rid of them is to remove them by hand, or to prune them out. High nests can be broken up with a long pole or a forceful spray of water. Do not attempt to burn the nests, as severe damage to the tree could result. Fall webworms have many natural enemies such as birds, stink bugs, wasps and flies that often eliminate this pest on their own. Fall webworms are often confused with Eastern tent caterpillars.

Information courtesy of Karen Russ HGIC Horticulture Specialist







# Tailgating Time

The Fall and tailgating go hand in hand. While the old standbys are usually a safe choice, perhaps it's time to go beyond that safety net and try a few new dishes.

If you like the idea of apricot wings, peppered flank steak or beer can chicken this is your site.

From our friends at <u>Grilling.com</u> comes this collection of tailgating recipes with a Midwestern flair.

Click here to view the article and recipes.

Clemson Tigers Schedule

SC Gamecocks Schedule

SC State Bulldogs Schedule

Citadel Bulldogs Schedule

Furman Paladins Schedule

PC Blue Hose Schedule



See how many of these ingredients you can find at the Sandhill Farmers Market!

## Listing of 2015 Farmers Market Vendors

The Sandhill Farmers Market is fortunate to have the participation of so many quality vendors. Their selections run the gamut from fresh produce, fruits, seafood, wood crafts, fabric crafts, baked good, plants, shrubbery, natural personal care products, prepared foods and more. Some vendors are with us for the entire 30 week season, some for half of the season and others on a week to week basis. Following you will find a listing of the hard working entrepreneurs waiting to greet you. All of those in **bold italics** have links built in. Please note that not all vendors are able to participate in every market.

Name		
<u>Asya's Organic Farms</u>		
Isom's Delights		
<u>The Peanut Man</u>		
The Crescent Olive		
Mercer House Estate Winery		
Junior Chefs		
AAA Greenthumb		
Martin Farms Produce		
<u>Erbe</u>		
Paparazzi Jewelry		
The Belgian Waffle Truck		
Bee My Honey		
Chill Out Pops		
Lexington Shades of Green		
Penny's Quilts and Gifts		
Lane Specialty Gardens		
Sunny Cedars Farm		
CSD Enterprises		
The Veggie Patch		
It's My Sister's Fault		
January Remington		



Congaree Milling	McCurley Farms
Shortcake, LLC	<u>Penny's Naturals</u>

Each week we talk with perspective vendors interested in participating at the Sandhill Farmers Market. If you would like to become a vendor please visit our <u>market page</u> and view the vendor information along with the vendor application found in the right hand navigation pane.

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